the public interest to indicate the details about their deployment and expenditure on such deployment.

(d) Yes Sir, the expenditure incurred by State Government for migrant employees salaries has not been reimbursed as Security Related Expenditure (SRE) since it has not been part of the parameters approved for reimbursement of SRE.

(e) The loans waived in respect of Punjab pertained only to 100% Special Plan loans given to the State to fight militancy during that period. In the case

of J&K, no assistance has been provided as 100% loans. Hence waiver in case of Punjab is not comparable to that of Jammu and Kashmir.

Killing of Farmers in Police Firing in Karnataka

1155. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of recent killings of farmers in police firing at Sira, Karnataka; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that State Government of Karnataka has blamed anti-farmer polices of Government behind such killings;

(c) the precise reasons in this regard; and

(d) the steps Government have taken to compensate the farming community in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Special grants for Fighting Insurgency

1156. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Assam Government had last year and early this year requested Government that special grants be made to it to meet ssecurity-related expenditure for fighting insurgency in Assam;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Assam Government had also demanded that its security-related expenditure should be reimbursed to it by Government; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(c) Government of India has reimbursed Rs. 131.91 crores to the Government of Assam as security related Expenditure for the years 1990—95. The Government has also agreed to reimburse security related Expenditure *w.e.f.* 1.4.95. Incurred by Assam as per approved guidelines.

Lock-up Deaths in Delhi

1157. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of lock-up deaths in different police stations in Delhi during the last seven months;

(b) whether the causes of such deaths were looked into;

(c) if so, the details of the findings of inquiries; and

(d) the action taken against the police personnel found responsible for causing lock upo deaths?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) During the last seven months (May—November, 1998), there was only one incident in which a person arrested by Delhi Police, after he was beaten by members of public on the suspicion that he was a thief, reportedly complained of uneasiness and was taken to a hospital where he was declared brought dead.

(b) to (d) The case is under investigation at present.